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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 183

Introduced by Assembly Member Nation

January 27, 2003

An act to add Section 14132.415 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 183, as amended, Nation. Medi-Cal: benefits.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services, pursuant to which medical benefits are provided to public assistance recipients and certain other low-income persons.

This bill would include services covered by Medi-Cal that are provided by a licensed marriage and family therapist and a licensed clinical social worker within the scope of Medi-Cal covered benefits, to the extent that federal matching funds are available for those services, and subject to utilization controls. This bill would make implementation of these provisions contingent upon an appropriation in the annual Budget Act or another statute.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14132.415 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:

3 14132.415. (a) Services covered by Medi-Cal that are
4 provided by a licensed marriage and family therapist and by a
5 licensed clinical social worker shall be covered under this chapter
6 to the extent that federal matching funds are available, and subject
7 to utilization controls, including the utilization control specified in
8 Section 51304 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

9 (b) This section shall be implemented only if funds are
10 appropriated in the annual Budget Act or another statute for
11 purposes of this section.

12 (c) *Nothing in this section shall be construed to expand or alter*
13 *the scope of practice of licensed clinical social workers or*
14 *marriage and family therapists.*

